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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The report that the Southern railway is about to make a bond issue is denied. —— Japan's reply to Russia has been handed to the Russian minister at Tokio; it asks Russia to reconsider certain points in her reply to Japan. —— About a hundred Colombian troops have landed on an island off the coast of Panama. —— Eight persons were killed and thirty-two injured in a train wreck at Godfrey, Ks. —— The torpedo boat Moccasin is still stranded at Currituck, N. C. —— Wm. J. Bryan was received in audience yesterday by the Czar of Russia. —— Six persons were injured in a railroad collision near Birmingham, Ala. —— A general reduction in wages is to be made at all non-union iron and steel plants in the country. —— Consul General Skinner was cordially received by the Emperor of Abyssinia. —— Emil Totterman, a Swedish sailor, has been arrested in New York in connection with the murder of a woman in a sailors' resort in that city. —— Explosion in a coal mine near Wilkesbarre, Pa., injured eight men. —— Fire in New York city last night destroyed two large factories; damage estimated at $350,000. —— Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear by several European powers to prevent war between Colombia and the United States. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 3@4½ per cent; cotton quiet at 13c; flour unsettled; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 93½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 53c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 30 degrees; 8 P. M., 42 degrees: maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.37 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday, colder at night in west portion; Wednesday fair, colder in east portion; light to fresh southwest winds becoming variable.

Port Almanac---December 22.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.49 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 41 M.
High Water at Southport	10.47 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.47 P. M.

Winston, N. C., ought to be a good place to try air ships. Now don't ask can Winston-Salem?

Wonder how Perry S. Heath feels since he has been so ignored as not to be given a place in the graft line-up?

Well, yes, we stand for free speech, but the air brakes ought to be put on some of the stuff that passes for the real article.

An exchange denounces Congressman Crumpacker as an ass. This is monstrous injustice—to the ass. We mean the Balaam kind.

A friend of ours recently started a paper called "*Up-to-Dats.*" Soon or late we will see that there has been a failure in the Date crop.

An article is going the rounds under the head of "Rich Men Are Not All Happy." Neither are we poor folks, but if we were rich we could afford not to be overly happy.

Why don't some of these United States elect senators and representatives to Congress who know something more than how to hold their seats and draw their pay?

The Treasury Department has issued a statement about "Our Trade With China." Senator Hoar evidently would like to have a fuller statement about our trade with Panama,

We see that the Greenville *Reflector* has just celebrated its ninth birthday. Truly it is quite a bright pratler for its tender years. Its reflections are bright flashes from a source where plenty are in store.

"Immeasurable Christmas bargains for every woman," says a merchant's advertisement. We believe in free speech, but wide open announcements like that should be suppressed. It will cause every man's wife to get him into trouble.

North and South it has been demonstrated that girls make the best ushers. The STAR has always been ahead of everybody else in the belief that blushers make the best ushers. If the girl standard is to be adopted we can say beyond the peradventure of successful contradiction that ushers make the best blushers.

The special correspondent of the Savannah *News* writes from Panama that the Panamanians say that the $10,000,000 canal money to come from Uncle Sam is too much boodle for them to handle. A few grafters sent down from Washington or from most any of our large cities would run through that little sum in a jiffy and then be prepared to sand bag Uncle Sam for digging contracts on the canal.

MANY BEFORE MAYOR

Christmas Week Opened With Sixteen Chronic Offenders in Municipal Court.

SEVERAL TO THE ROADS.

Sailor Who Assaulted His Craftsmaster Negro Stole Tobacco and Will Repent at Leisure—John Grady Is Muchly Wanted.

Mayor Springer did not gaze with composure upon the row of penitents who crowded the long bench answering for a prisoner's dock in the police court yesterday. It was an array principally of old offenders whose features were recognized long before the city attorney called their names in reading the indictments against them. Sixteen in all smiled at the Mayor as he remarked upon the unusual number and the record a great majority of them bore. Two of the number received straight sentences to the roads and a half dozen others will also go out in default of fines.

Peter Glasgow, the drunken sailor who attempted to make a murderous assault upon Capt. McKeen, of the schooner "Adele Thackara" Saturday afternoon, was fined $10 and costs for simple assault. John Grady, a little black bullet-eyed negro, who had been dodging the police for months and was finally landed by Officer Frank George, was given 30 days on the roads for vagrancy and bound over to Superior Court on two separate counts of gambling on May 24th and June 29th, the evidence being furnished by Officers George and C. E. Wood. John Moseley and Thos. Williams, colored, were charged with engaging in a fight in a negro house of questionable repute near Fourth and Castle streets. Williams was charged with breaking in a door to get at Moseley but the evidence was that he frequented the place and he was discharged upon that count. He was fined $30 and cost for the fight and Moseley was sent to the roads for 30 days for vagrancy. Mary Pope and Sam Faison, both colored and plain drunks, were fined $5 and costs. Chas. Hines received $10 fine for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and was ordered to work out $17.35 back costs. Jim Green and John Owens, charged with drunkenness, couldn't establish a clean record and were each fined $10 and costs. Chas. Evans was arrested at the instance of Sam Long, for drawing a pistol and threatening to shoot, but the evidence was of disorderly conduct on the part of both and each was fined $5 and costs.

Plummer Johnson, a notorious negro thief charged with the larceny of several boxes of tobacco from the store of Fennell & Hunt, which was entered through the office of the B. F. Keith Company to which the negro had access by means of a stolen key, was bound over to Superior Court in a bond of $100. Mr. Keith, who was a witness in the case, was taken to task by the mayor for not having prosecuted the negro a short time ago when he was found asleep in the office, entered by means of the same key. Mr. Keith explained that he was mistaken in the character of the negro.

Ten other arrests for to-day's court were made by the police up to 12 o'clock last night.

CAMPBELL ENCAMPMENT NO. I.

Officers of Higher Branch of Odd Fellowship Chosen Last Night.

At its regular meeting last night Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

C. P.—P. H. Murphy.
H. P.—A. G. Martin.
S. W.—A. F. Gibson.
J. W.—J. A. Jordan.
Scribe—John E. Wood.
Treasurer—N. Jacobi.

The above, with appointive officers, will be installed by D. D. G. C. P., Chas. W. Stewart, on Monday night, Jan. 4th.

Southern Edition of Harper's.

Mr. John H. Gould, who was in Wilmington a year ago in the interest of a special edition of *Harper's Weekly*, the publication of which was postponed from the date originally intended, was here again Saturday in the same behalf. The scope of this edition of *The Weekly* has been vastly enlarged from the original design. More cities and other interests will be represented and 3,000,000 copies will be circulated. It will appear next month. The article upon Wilmington to appear in the edition was prepared by Mr. James Sprunt at the request of the Chamber of Commerce.

General Court Martial.

The Department of the East, Gen. Corbin commanding, announces the appointment of a general court martial to meet at Fort Caswell for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. The detail for the court is: Major John A. Lundeen, Capt. Robert E. Callan, First Lieutenant Russell P. Reeder, First Lieutenant William Roberts, First Lieutenant Philip Yost, Second Lieutenant William F. Jones, Second Lieutenant John R. Musgrave, judge advocate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. B. Rhodes—Notice.

Academy of Music—"Romeo and Juliet."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Pine ties.

J. B. J. Sandlin—Notice.

Wanted—Furnished room.

E. Warren & Son—Florida oranges.

Cold Weather Overcoats on special sale at Gaylord's store. †

DEATH OF W. T. BANNERMAN.

Highly Esteemed Citizen of Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon. Funeral at Burgaw To-day.

Mr. William Tate Bannerman, for fifteen years Clerk of the Superior Court of Pender county just after the war and a resident of Wilmington during the past five years, died rather suddenly at his home in this city, No. 130 Walnut street, yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in the 67th year of his age. "Judge" Bannerman, as he was familiarly known on account of his long service as clerk of the court when that office was one of probate judge, had been in poor health for some time, but recently his condition was thought to have been very much improved. Sunday night, however, he had a sudden attack and he gradually grew weaker until the end came at the hour stated. His demise will be generally regretted throughout the community where he was well and favorably known.

Judge Bannerman was born and reared in Pender county and was a man richly endowed with those characteristics which make up the useful and respected citizen. Soon after removing to Wilmington five years ago he transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian church, of this city, and was a consecrated member of that congregation. His first wife was Miss Hawes, a daughter of the late Albert Hawes, of Wilmington, and his present wife, who is left alone of the immediate family to mourn her loss, is a daughter of the late Atlas Grady, for 15 or more years a commissioner of New Hanover county. The deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. Knox Bannerman, of Pender county, and several sisters who live in Pender and Sampson counties. Judge Bannerman had not been actively engaged in business for several years. He leaves an estate valued at from $35,000 to $30,000 and in late years had devoted his time to looking after large real estate interests in the city.

The remains will be taken to Burgaw this morning at 9:30 o'clock and the funeral will be conducted at 11 o'clock from the Burgaw Presbyterian church, by the Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., of this city.

LOCAL DOTS.

— To-day is given in almanacs as the shortest of the year.

— L'Agile Cotillon Club will give its annual holiday german on the night of December 30th.

— During a gale of wind at Cronly Sunday morning, a large hall near the depot was blown down.

— The additional battery of coast artillery from Cuba is expected at Fort Caswell about the first of the year.

— Miss Sarah E. Ormsby, 21 years of age, died yesterday of consumption at the family residence, No. 915 North Third street. The remains will be taken this morning to Ashton, N. C., for interment.

— The marriage of Miss Annie Bell Black, of Ivanhoe, to Mr. Angus Cromartie, of Garland, N. C., will be celebrated in the Presbyterian church at Ivanhoe to-morrow evening by Rev. V. H. Starbuck.

— State Y. M. C. A. Secretary A. G. Knebel has resigned to take up work in the railroad department of the National Association. He is succeeded as State secretary by General Secretary G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte.

— A feature of Christmas among the Chinese colony of Wilmington will be a dinner to the Orientals by Grace M. E. Sunday school. The dinner will probably be given at one of the Chinese habitations on Market street.

— General Organizer B. P. Lewis, of Memphis, Tenn., will address the local union of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen in Germania Hall tomorrow night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the union are urged to be present.

— Peggie Anderson, colored, wanted since last August for an assault with a deadly weapon, was landed in jail by Constable Savage at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He will be given a preliminary trial in Justice Fowler's court to-day.

— Calvin Rogers, a young white man, aged about 25 years, died Sunday at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he had been under treatment for paralysis about three weeks. His remains were sent to his home near Fair Bluff, N. C., for interment.

— Since she entered the hospital there has been little change in the condition of Mrs. Elizabeth Piner, the aged woman who was run over by a street car at Second and Princess streets last week. She is hardly yet out of danger, but Dr. Akerman says each day the chances grow more and more hopeful of her recovery.

— Under the new law adopted by the last Legislature four Christian Science healers from the Wilmington church have procured the prescribed license from the Register of Deeds, paying the same fee of $5 as imposed upon members of the secular professions. The four are Miss Bridgers, Mrs. Fishblate, Mrs. Weill and Mr. Theo. Runge.

If you want a good light to read by, get one of Bissinger's Lamps. 119 Market street. †

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

TELEPHONE MERGER.

Southern Bell Company Gains Exclusive Field in Wilmington Beginning Jan. 1st.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Inter-State Exchange Here Absorbed by Its Neighbor, Resulting in Saving to Business Community—Division of Business in the State.

Less than two weeks ago unofficial but pretty safe announcement was made in these columns that a deal was on between the Southern Bell and Inter-State telephone companies by which it was proposed to effect a practical division of the telephone business in this State between the two systems named. The statement was made at the time that in the division, the Wilmington business would fall into the hands of the Southern Bell Company, which has recently installed here an underground, metallic circuit system second to none of its size in the South. Absolute confirmation of the rumors printed at that time relative to Wilmington was received from official sources late last night in the following

OFFICIAL STATEMENT:

"Negotiations have been concluded between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the Inter State Telephone and Telegraph Co., by which the Inter-State exchange in this city will be merged into that of the Southern Bell Co. The Southern Bell Company has nearly 900 subscribers connected with its exchange while the Inter-State has less than 400, and of this number fully one-half are also subscribers to the Bell. From this it will be seen that there will be a substantial reduction in the cost of telephone service to such parties as now have two telephones and no increase in charges to those subscribers who have only the Bell, although they will very soon have connection with a much larger number, and the increase to the small number who have only the Inter-State will be small, as it is not the purpose of the Bell Company to increase its rates on account of the changed conditions. The management of the Southern Bell Company assures the public that it will continue to give them a service up to the highest standard of efficiency and it will be borne in mind that all subscribers connected with the Bell exchange can get connection with its extensive toll line system direct from their own telephones. As a matter of fact, the actual amount of money to be paid out for telephone service by the total number of patrons will be less than the amount heretofore paid."

READY TO TAKE OVER.

Eleven expert men from the construction department of the Southern Bell Co. arrived in the city yesterday and the work of cutting in all Inter-State subscribers to the Bell exchange will be commenced at once, so that the merger will be in full force and effect Jan. 1st. It is understood to be the idea of the Bell people to fill all existing contracts with Inter-State State subscribers at the same rate as they are now paying. The suburban lines of the Inter-State will be overhauled and made metallic circuit. Not a piece of the present construction of the Inter-State plant will be in use after the merger is in effect. The present exchange of the Inter-State will be closed, but it is understood that the additional work required in the increased Bell exchange will be sufficient to give employment to nearly all, if not all, the operators now employed by the Inter-State.

It is estimated from the books that 150 business houses now have the two telephones. Under the merger plan these 150 will no longer pay for the the Inter State at $30 per year, which will result in a saving of $4,500 per year to those concerns. Inter-State residence 'phones at $18 per year may change to the Bell duplex service at the same rate.

As to the merger in the State, it is understood that the Bell gets the Goldsboro, Winston and Raleigh exchanges while some kind of a traffic agreement has been reached by which the two companies will occupy the Durham field amicably.

ELLIOTT COUNTRY HOME SOLD.

Mrs. Pembroke Jones Purchaser of Valuable Property—Other Transfers.

By deed of date Dec. 16th, Col. Warren G. Elliott and wife, of Baltimore, Md., transferred to Mrs. Pembroke Jones, for a consideration of $7,000, the handsome Elliott country residence on Wrightsville Sound, known as "Oak Point," the tract of land containing about 25 acres and being a part of the tract known as the "Bradley Place." The property adjoins the present country estate of Mr. Jones known as "Airlie." The deed was filed for record yesterday by Messrs. Dick & Reilly, real estate agents of this city.

By other deeds filed for record yesterday, B. G. Empie, commissioner, in a special proceeding entitled John W. Neil, administrator, vs. C. M. Epps and others, transferred to Johannah Rehder for $685, lot on west side of Anderson, 183 feet north of Rankin street, 33x165 feet in size; and Clarissa Bingham transferred to Selina Loftin, in consideration of the affection for a grand-daughter, lot on west side of Eleventh, 47½ feet north of Queen street, 47x47½ feet in size.

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street. †

NEW SEABOARD AGENT HERE.

Mr. E. B. Williamson Arrived Yesterday and Took Charge of Office—Favorably Impressed With Wilmington.

Mr. E. B. Williamson, the newly appointed general agent of the Seaboard Air Line in this city, arrived yesterday and at once assumed charge of the affairs of the office. Though the formal transfer from Capt. Meares to his successor will not be completed until to-day upon the arrival of a travelling auditor of the company, Mr. Williamson is in full charge and bills of lading, etc., were signed by him yesterday. During the interim of Capt. Meares' refusal to further affiliate with the company and Mr. Williamson's arrival, the office was in charge of Mr. F. C. West, who performed the exacting requirements under the peculiar circumstances after the manner of a veteran railroad executive.

Mr. Williamson is a young man of most engaging manners and his life has been spent in the railroad service. Prior to going with the Seaboard a few years ago, he was with the Southern Railway and ranks well up in the railroad world. He is a native of Virginia, his home being Norfolk. He was before coming to Wilmington a travelling auditor of the fifth district of the Seaboard, which is one of the important ones of the great system he is with. Mr. Williamson is unmarried and is thoroughly imbued with the railroad spirit. For the present he is a guest at Mrs. S. C. Morton's, 114 South Third street, and has entered upon his work here with an enthusiasm and determination characteristic of the successful railroad man of to-day.

A representative of this paper had a very pleasant interview with Mr. Williamson last evening. While he has not yet had an opportunity of acquainting himself fully with local conditions, he spoke of being favorably impressed with Wilmington and expressed a hope that the relations between the Seaboard and the shipping people would speedily become more favorable. He said that it would be his aim to make the Seaboard merit a full share of the business of the port and intimated that facilities would be shortly improved by which these conditions may be met. He is enthusiastic for his system and a firm believer in its capacity to please, all things being equal.

Mr. Williamson said for the present his office would remain at the Nutt and Brunswick depot and he saw no reason with the presence of a soliciting agent up-town, why the agent's headquarters should go back to the Front street office. On yesterday Roadmaster G. W. Harrison, of Hamlet, came down to Wilmington for the purpose of improving the yard facilities here. There are no reasons why further steps should not be taken to make Wilmington one of the foremost terminals of the company.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Vessel Stranded Off Cape Lookout—British Barquentine Repairing.

Local tugboat owners were advised by telegraph from Beaufort, N. C., Sunday night that the schooner "Raymond T. Maull," 512 tons, Capt. Smith, bound from Philadelphia to Charleston with cargo of coal, had been stranded on Wreck Point, in Cape Lookout cove. The life-saving crew had gone to the crew's assistance. The vessel is a very old one and tug owners here didn't think it worth while to go to her assistance, though prospects for floating here were said to be good, weather permitting.

The British barquentine "Hillside," Capt. Trefry, which put into Southport in distress last week, having been in collision at sea with the British schooner "Sirdar," is being refitted and is making temporary repairs, preparatory to proceeding the last of the week to Boston with her cargo of wool which was undamaged. Sails for the vessel are expected on the New York steamer to-day.

Quite a fleet of outward bound vessels proceeded to sea from Southport at 11:30 A. M. yesterday, viz: Schooners "Wm. P. Hood," to Boston; "C. C. Lister" to New York; "John Russell," to Bogue Inlet, N. C., and brig "Sullivan" to Port-au-Spain, Trinidad.

Cotton remained steady at 12½c. on the local market yesterday with receipts of 2,703 bales against 1,976 same day last year. There were sales of spirits late in the afternoon at 55c. and tar declined by $1.60 per barrel.

British steamer "Devonshire," Capt. Coull, cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 12,300 bales cotton consigned to Messrs. Sprunt & Son.

On account of rough weather on the outside, the steamer "Sanders" didn't proceed to Little River, S. C., until 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

CONCORD CHAPTER NO. 1, R. A. M.

Election of Officers Last Night and a Sumptuous Banquet Following.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

High Priest—W. H. Chadbourn.
King—U. M. Robinson.
Scribe—R. H. Pickett.
Captain of Host—S. P. Adams.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Secretary—W. A. Martin.
Member of the Building Committee, R. W. Price.

After the formal exercises an elegant repast was served in the banquet room, during the progress of which a select programme was rendered by the Temple Quartette composed of C. H. Cooper, U. M. Robinson, Herbert K. Holden and Burdis Anderson.

POSTOFFICE FIGHT.

Republican Chairman Rollins Tenders His Endorsment to Mrs. D. L. Russell.

CONTEST BECOMES WARM.

Miss Darby, Present Incumbent, Declines Offer of Assistant's Position—Mr. Wallace Says Nothing, But Reiterates He's Still in Race.

The figut for the postmastership at Wilmington reached the acute stage yesterday upon private advices of undoubted authority to the effect that State Republican Chairman Rollins, of Asheville, had tendered the place to Mrs. Russell, wife of Ex-Governor Daniel L. Russell, who has been understood all along to have been the champion of the cause of Miss Mary O. Darby, the present incumbent. A compromise of such a character was suggested in advices from Washington, voiced in this paper several days ago, the causes leading up to the same having been stated at the time, viz: The impossibility of friends of the present incumbent and Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace to agree among themselves. Mrs. Russell, through the ex-Governor, is said to have positively declined the use of her name in connection with the office unless there was no shadow of a chance for Miss Darby. A conference in Washington of those high in the councils of their party in this State, having resulted in no agreement, the chances of the several persons mentioned in connection with the office were thought until yesterday to have been about even with the probability that there would be no further developments until after the holidays.

Chairman Rollins quite unexpectedly, however, livened up the fight a bit yesterday by a tender of the office to Mrs. Russell. That was followed at once by a tender of the assistant postmastership to Miss Darby, but in an interview yesterday afternoon Miss Darby said most emphatically that she would not accept the assistant's office and was still a candidate for the postmastership. Since Miss Darby's declination, the slate is then said to have been fixed with Mrs. Russell postmaster and Mr. T. E. Wallace assistant postmaster. Mr. Wallace was seen last night and asked if he would accept a tender of the assistant's place. Mr. Wallace appeared very confident of his original efforts and declined to be quoted, dismissing the subject with the statement: "I am now and have been a candidate for no other position than that of postmaster."

Friends of Mr. Wallace, who profess to know, say that his acceptance of the present term as assistant postmaster was originally with the understanding that at the expiration of that term he would receive the appointment of postmaster. The postmastership at present pays $3,100 per year with the strong probability of an increase of $100 per year so long as receipts continue to increase in the present ratio. The assistant postmaster is appointed by the postmaster, who has the exclusive privilege of appointing whom he or she may choose, every other employe in the office being under civil service. The assistant's office pays $1,500 per year.

Advices from Washington last night were that there had been no further developments in the contest. The following from Sunday's Raleigh's *Post* correspondence, however, will be read with interest:

MRS. RUSSELL, THE FAVORITE.

"The selection of postmaster for Wilmington may take place next week, and it looks now as though Mrs. D. L. Russell, wife of former Governor Russell, has the best chances of success. Developments of the past few days confirm the report published earlier in the week that State Chairman Rollins favors the appointment of Mrs. Russell.

"This being so, it would appear that Mrs. Russell's name will be sent to the Senate by the President, for the State chairman will have the naming of the postmaster. While National Committeeman Robinson recommended Miss Darby, Mrs. Russell's selection will be satisfactory to him. Just why the State chairman balked on the appointment of Miss Darby has not been ascertained. Some of the organization Republicans are criticising his action, for they say that in the Lincolnton postoffice case, he made strenuous objection to the selection of a lady for the position, laying emphasis on the plea that an active working Republican should be rewarded in such cases."

ADULTERATION OF SPIRITS.

Chamber of Commerce Committee Will Report Plan to Special Committee.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed last week to formulate a feasible plan for a rigid inspection of spirits turpentine received on the Wilmington market with a view of preventing an adulteration of the product, which has been so generally complained of lately. The committee is composed of the following receivers of spirits turpentine who met yesterday and agreed upon a report, viz: Messrs. C. W. Worth (chairman), H. K. Nash and B. F. Hall. The nature of the plan to be recommended will not be given out until the meeting to-day.

Fire Works for Retail Customers at wholesale prices at Gaylord's store. †

Special sale of Dinner Sets, Lamps and Toilet Sets, at Bissinger's China Parlor. 119 Market street. †

I am making a specialty of Ladies set rings. Solid gold only. J. T. Burke. †

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YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

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Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

Also a full line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps.

Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

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THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

For Christmas Feasting!

Headley's Chocolates and Bon-Bons, Recognized for Quality.

Half pound sealed attractive packages 25c each; one pound packages 50 cents each.

Headley's Cremoe.

The most delicious after dinner confection in the world. Put up in half pound handsome boxes 35c each. Try one box and you will continue to eat CREMOE. Also sold in Confectionery and Drug Stores.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 19 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it s only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

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To Wives and Those Who Soon Will Be!

"HE" can't get off during the day, BUT you can tell him, that, commencing Monday, December 14th,

Parker, 206 North Front Street,

will keep open 'till 9 P. M., every evening 'till December 25th. Now it is "up to you."

XMAS BUYERS will find Useful and Ornamental Presents from 10 cents to $100.

CASH | Your House Furnished from top to bottom | CREDIT.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Capt. E. C. Cohen spent Sunday in the city.

— Mr. R. C. Applewhite, of Cronly, was here yesterday.

— Mr. L. J. Merriman, of Ivanhoe, N. C., is in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. Ernest Gilbert, of Norfolk, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

— Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kornegay and children, of Kenansville, are at The Orton.

— Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew and children, of Norfolk, are here to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Albert Gore, who is at Bingham's School, Asheville, will spend the holidays in Charlotte.

— Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Empie and Mr. Adam Empie, of New York, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Virginia Empie.

— Mr. John B. LeGwin, of the Pharmacy School of the University of North Carolina, is at home to spend the holidays.

— Greenville *Reflector*: "Mrs. H. P. Hill, of Wilmington, arrived this morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Andrews."

— Mr. Jas. H. Cowan will leave this morning for a two weeks business and pleasure trip to New York, Philadelphia and other Northern cities.

— Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and children arrived Sunday from New York to spend the holidays at "Airlie." They have issued invitations to a dance to be given on Tuesday night, Dec. 29th.

Their Silver Wedding.

Cards have been received by friends reading as follows: "Reverend and Mrs. John Nelson Cole request the pleasure of your company at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on the evening of Friday, January the first, nineteen hundred and four, from nine to eleven o'clock at their residence, Rockingham, North Carolina."

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of A. V. Horrell, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to him to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to file their properly verified claims with me by or before the first day of December, 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This 22rd day of November, 1903.

E. J. W. ANDERS, Administrator, A. V. Horrell, deceased.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. tu no 24 6t

NOTICE

My Stall will be closed Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th. My patrons will kindly let us have their orders.

dec 22 1t I. B. RHODES.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22.

CONFEDERATES AS GOVERNMENT WARDS.

Congressman Rixey has introduced a bill in Congress which provides for the admission of Confederate veterans into the homes established by the United States for the care of old and decrepit Federal soldiers.

Mr. Rixey's bill comes of a generous impulse and denotes him a man of big heart and broadness, but while Southerners appreciate his humane motives, the people of the States which composed the Confederacy cannot be so lacking in self respect as to accept this gratuity at the hands of the government, though they are now as loyal to it as are any people of the North, East or West.

The STAR especially mentions the Southern people and not the Confederate veterans, as it should be the determination and affectionate duty of the Southern States to well take care of the old soldiers who sacrificed so much and added such unrivalled lustre to Southern manhood by their heroism on the battlefields of the bloodiest war in the history of the world.

So far as the old soldiers are concerned, when gaunt want stares them in the face, some of them may not stop to care when or how they secure a comfortable ending of their lives, but most of them would prefer to starve at home than accept a gratuity such as is proposed. They would, therefore, decline Mr. Rixey's good offices, but not in a spirit of resentment but as a matter of self respect.

It would be to the everlasting shame of the Southern people, if they were to allow these old soldiers to be thrown on the charity of the government. The STAR wants to see the grand old soldiers liberally and not niggardly cared for, but it shall be done by the people they stood for in the terrific civil war. In their declining days we must stand by them at any sacrifice, and even then we would never repay them for the unequaled sacrifices they made and for the glorious manhood they left us as a heritage that any people on God's earth would be proud of.

For the same reason we want the United States to take care of Federal veterans, for the record they made belongs to the manhood of the whole Union. That there were men in the North to face such men as followed Lee and Jackson shows that all the heroes were not on one side, and the knowledge that all the States of the Union produced soldiers like those Federals and Confederates is a priceless heritage that belongs alike to all Americans.

TO SUPPRESS DISEASES AND DEGENERACY.

A society out in Iowa is anxious to have a law passed by Congress for the "Suppression of Diseases and Degeneracy." The bill proposed provides that before a marriage license is issued, there shall be on record a physician's certificate showing that neither of the parties to the proposed marriage have any hereditary disease or mental disqualification. This may strike some as a good idea, but an exchange suggests that the proposed act should be entitled "A bill to encourage vice."

The reformers are bound to see that this degenerate old world is thoroughly reformed. Some of these days some of them may come forward with the more effective proposition to put degenerates, imbeciles and diseased and malformed individuals out of business with the butt end of an axe.

CONGRESS IS OFFICIOUS.

Under the resolutions in Congress calling upon Roosevelt and Hay for papers and communications touching the canal negotiations and the Panama secession, the President sent in a third batch that was referred to in the STAR dispatch on Sunday.

We venture the observation that barely enough were sent in to keep Congress from thinking it was treated with contempt. We also observe that what was sent in was intended to somewhat clear the skirts of the administration.

Doubtless, Roosevelt and Hay think the prerogative of the Congress is to legislate and display less curiosity about the little business affairs of Teddy and John.

NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL.

Since Secretary Root has assumed the responsibility for General Wood's doing's in Cuba, the Senate Committee on Military Affairs ought to be able, therefore, to get at the very Root of the evil. The evidence before the committee, however, shows that General Wood was guilty of other things that ever so crooked a Root could not stand for.

The committee has decided to postpone its action till January 1st. It is announced that "it is planned to go over the entire testimony that has been introduced during the investigation of the charges, so as to give time to make up the majority and minority reports which will be made."

To be sure, the majority will "go over" Secretary Root's testimony and make up a report favorable to Wood, while the minority will wade through all the other testimony and bring in a report against the quality and quantity of the whitewash to be used in covering over the cracks in President Roosevelt's Wooden idol.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Apropos of the criticism of the South because of the case of Professor Bassett of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., on account of his views on the race question, it is to be noted that not so long ago Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews was forced to resign the presidency of Brown University, in the North, on account of his views on the silver question.—*Houston Chronicle.*

—— In accordance with the general expectation Sir Thomas Lipton will make another trial to lift America Cup, and, of course, with the same kind of boat as the first three Shamrocks were, but, if possible, still lighter in structure, we presume. Sir Thomas' recovery from disappointments have always been the wonder of admirers, although they imply a quality quite characteristic of his native land which has often been described as smiling through her tears.—*Brooklyn Citizen.*

—— The Panama situation was again the principal topic at the cabinet meeting to-day. The information from Colombia, especially telegraphic information for the newspapers, indicates a more hostile feeling to this country in Columbia and the prospect of resistance to the plans of the administration in Panama. This information, together with official news from government representatives, was discussed somewhat freely by the cabinet officials, but whatever determination, if any, was reached was carefully concealed. Secretary Root was the last cabinet officer, with one exception, to leave the President, but whether this had any significance in connection with the possible transportation of United States troops to Panama could not be learned. — *Washington Star, Dec. 20.*

TWINKLINGS

— Physician: Your ailment lies in the larynx, thorax and epiglottis. Hooligan: Indade! An' afther me thinkin' th' trouble 'was in me throat.—*Judge.*

— "Were your remarks extemporaneous?" said the constitent. "They was worse," answered the local statesman. "They was almost profane."—*Washington Star.*

—Husband—In doing your shopping, dear, why don't you get all the necessary things first? Wife—Oh, somehow they seem unimportant.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— Bertha—What a queer man that young professor is! Ethel—Yes; I talked about new books, and he said he hadn't got through reading Shakespeare yet.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "You look real picturesque there at the window! If the young men in the street could only see you! "Yes, but none of them ever notice me unless I drop a flower pot on their heads!"—*Journal Amusant.*

— Miss Bitting—I am convinced that men are not as courageous as they were in the olden times. Mrs. Witting—Oh, I don't know about that; you told me you had had three proposals within the last year.—*Boston Courier.*

— "What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?" "A whole lot of polker chips," said young Mrs. Torkins, "so that he can have all he wants without having to sit up all night trying to win them."—*Washington Star.*

— Count Boylon de Bakkovilsnek (to his rich American bride)—How does madame like ze climate of my countree? His bride—So far as your relatives represent it, count, I find it decidedly frigid.—*Chicago Tribune*

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— The N. C. Supreme Court's decision in the case of Asheville vs. Webb, from Buncombe, insures the validity of an issue of bonds amounting to $100,000, the court holding that, under the provision of the charter of Asheville, 30 days' notice of a bond election was not necessary.

— The Oxford Orphan Asylum has had a very prosperous year in every way. The health of the pupils has been excellent. There are nearly 250 of them. A number of improvements as to buildings have been made. There have been no large gifts to the asylum during the year.

— General Carl A. Woodruff, retired, of Raleigh, has been assigned by the War Department to duty at headquarters with the North Carolina National Guard. He is a splendid officer and in 1888, when the Guard first went into camp at Wrightsville was on duty there. Governor Aycock has greatly desired this assignment.

— Charters have been granted by the State to the Blue Ridge Clothing Company, of North Wilkesboro, with $10,000 capital stock; also to the Thomas White Co., wholesale and retail general merchants, of Durham, with $125,000 authorized capital. A trademark was registered Saturday by the W. B. Dunn Plough Company, of Wake Forest.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Dec. 19th: While playing with a rifle about 1 o'clock to-day, Billy Huske, son of Maj. and Mrs. B. R. Huske, residing on St. John's Square, accidentally shot his younger brother Joe in the leg. Dr. J. F. Highsmith, who was summoned to treat the little sufferer, hopes that the injury will not prove serious. —— The examination of applicants for the positions of carriers in the city free mail delivery service, to go into effect February 1st, was conducted in the graded school building this morning by Mr. Birthright, of Raleigh. There were about thirty-five applicants.

— Charlotte *Observer*: A Norfolk dispatch tells of the successful trip of an airship at Kitty Hawk, N. C., Thursday, the machine going three miles in the face of wind blowing at the rate of twenty-one miles an hour. "The machine," it is stated, "has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine." Now that's the stuff! Several Frenchmen have sailed around the Eiffel Tower in balloon affairs, but that doesn't count. It is like the boy who can stand on his head, provided he has a fence to put his feet against.

— At Greensboro on Saturday, the Superior Court began trial of the case of Osborne against Leach and the *News and Observer*. The plaintiff complains that he was libelled by the publication of interview reflecting upon him, and has brought suit for $20,000 damages. The *News and Observer*, through its counsel, moved to dismiss the action on the ground that the plaintiff had not complied with the libel law of 1901 by giving five days' notice of the intention to bring suit. Judge Allen ruled that for failure to do this the plaintiff would not be entitled to anything but nominal damages, and the plaintiff made an exception. The trial is still in progress.

— The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer* says: The 28 Raleigh saloon-keepers who are to retire December 31st, in favor of the dispensary, will give the biggest Christmas tree Raleigh has ever seen as their farewell offering to the poor of the city. The tree will be in the city hall and the gifts on it will be many and various. There will be quite a scattering of the saloon men when the new year comes, some going to Washington, some to Richmond, and some to other points in this State, while a few will engage in other business. Some have already closed up their business. One saloonkeeper by far the wealthiest here, retired from the line of business about a year ago and it is said he is worth more than $100,000.

—The noted desperado Boone Potter, of Watauga county, who was in Caldwell jail at Lenoir, for safekeeping, awaiting the next court, when he would have been tried for murder, broke jail this morning between 1 and 5 o'clock, releasing himself and a negro prisoner, who was serving a sentence for carrying concealed weapons. The negro returned about 7 o'clock and circulated several stories in regard to the escape, but gave no information as to his whereabouts. Boone took the negro part of the way with him to prevent his giving an alarm, releasing him when he got to the edge of town. Sheriff McCall is making every effort to catch Boone, but he has before broken jail and, being a fearlessly brave man, his re-capture will be uncertain.

— Charlotte *Observer*, Dec 20th: As a result of what is known as tin-poisoning, four members of a colored family who work for Mr. D. B. Heath, who lives at Piedmont Park, are dangerously ill. They are the wife of Jack Caruthers and three children. They bought and ate a large can of sardines last night. In ten minutes they became violently ill. A physician was summoned, and remained with the sufferers for five hours without leaving the house. It is thought the woman and one child will recover, but it is probable that the two other children, a boy and a girl, will die. The poison was taken in acid, from being the resultant of decomposition. Such sardines are called spoiled, and have an odor that usually prevents their being eaten, and it is surprising that the box in question was consumed without any suspicion having been created.

For over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind.

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Perfect beverage, light and delicate, invigorating and sustaining.

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ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

Some ninety female doctors are at present practicing in London.

Alderney is the only place in the British islands where tobacco is now untaxed.

Another lunatic asylum for London is to be built at Horton at a cost of $2,850,000.

A Westminster (London) organ grinder who kept his organ in a stable died from glanders.

An enameled gold telescope which had belonged to Lord Nelson was sold for £40 in London recently.

Great Grimsby, in Yorkshire, England, has a population of 80,000, but only church accommodation for 6,000 persons.

After much controversy the town council of Bury St. Edmunds, England, has decided to grant a site for the erection of a memorial to the Protestant martyrs of Queen Mary's reign.

The late surveys of the English coast show a loss of land of 40,000 acres since 1867, although in some places, as at New Romney, the solid ground has been pushed out two miles or more into the sea.

In a letter advocating a plan for the establishment in England of a great scientific school Lord Rosebery says, "It is little short of scandalous that our ambitious youths should be obliged to resort to the United States and Germany for technical training."

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

A feature of the world's fair at St. Louis will be a pottery in operation.

The Irish department of agriculture will make a special exhibit of Irish industries at the fair.

A toothpick machine which cuts out perfect picks from the wood at the rate of 1,000 a minute, a different advertisement being printed on each one, will be a feature in the Machinery building.

The exhibit of the Rice Association of America will be the greatest ever known. A rice kitchen costing over $20,000 will be constructed. An extensive exhibit of models of the different machines used in the rice industry will be made.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

CLEARED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.
Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone & Co.
British steamer Devonshire, Coull, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamer Devonshire, 12,300 bales cotton, 5,968,470 pounds, valued at $775,900; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 22.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Ameria, (Br) 1,875 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Mafflit.
Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Mafflit.
Minnie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Mafflit.
Herald, 474 tons, Keyes, to master.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.
Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.
Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.
Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—372 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.
W. & W. Railroad—690 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 14 barrels rosin, 31 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.
W., C. & A. Railroad—1,444 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 23 barrels rosin, 128 barrels tar, 47 barrels crude turpentine.
A. & Y. Railroad—70 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 59 barrels tar.
W. & N. Railroad—106 bales cotton, 4 barrels crude turpentine.
Steamer Tar Heel—7 casks spirits turpentine, 227 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.
Steamer City of Fayetteville—21 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 153 barrels tar.
Total—2,703 bales cotton, 44 casks spirits turpentine, 37 barrels rosin, 664 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

Old Friends Are the Best.

Sometime ago I took what is known as a Summer cold. I tried several remedies, but without much relief. Finally, I resorted to my old standby, Cheney's Expectorant, and was cured by a few doses. I have great confidence in this remedy.

JOE HOWARD.

Macon, Miss.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Sales at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	44
Rosin	37
Tar	664
Crude turpentine	81

Receipts same day last year—46 casks spirits turpentine, 75 barrels rosin, 1,047 barrels tar, 187 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12¼c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8c for middling.

Receipts—3,703 bales; same day last year, 1,976.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12¾c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@35c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Money on call was easy at 3@4½ per cent., closing bid 3 per cent., and offered at 3½ per cent.; time loans easier sixty days, 5½@6 per cent; ninety days 5½@6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.75@484.80 for demand and 481.35@481 40 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates were 483 and 488½. Commercial bills 481@481¼. Bar silver 54. Mexican dollars 42½. U.S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¾; do. coupon, off'd, 108; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133¼; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109½; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 110½; U.S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33; Manhattan L 141¼; New York Central 118½; Reading 45½; do. 1st preferred 77; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 143½; do. pref'd, 171½; Southern Railway 20½; do. pref'd 77½; Amalgamated Copper 47½; People's Gas 97¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33¾; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 75¾; Western Union 85; U. S. Steel 10¾; do. preferred 54¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 26¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 94½; sales — shares. Standard Oil 671.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 21.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13¾@14; do. preferred, 23¾@24; do. bonds, fours, 79½@78. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 107@118; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 10; D, $2 10, E, $2 10; F, $2 10; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56c; receipts 607 casks; sales 93 casks; exports 1,594 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 3, 195 barrels; sales 647 barrels; exports 11,843 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W, $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of four points to an advance of five points, the irregularity being due to the opposing influences of lower cables and bullish advices from Southern spot markets to-day with Saturday's heavy exports and expectation of a decrease in the interior movement. There was heavy liquidation right from the opening, but at first there was also a good demand for covering and considerable bull support, so that for a time the market ruled comparatively firm and was soon 6 to 8 points net higher on the active positions. Following this the market began to sag under commission house selling presumably for profits, and as prices dropped down stop loss orders were reached so that the decline soon became a rout and inside of three-quarters of an hour prices were net nineteen and twenty-six points lower on the active months. At the lowest level, however, there seemed to be good demand; the local bullies also bought openly and aggressively and New Orleans sent bullish messages while news was circulating freely from interior Southern points as to a falling off in the movement and the tendency of planters to hold for still higher prices. After recovering part of the early loss the market ruled very irregular for a time but broke again in the afternoon under rumors that the bulls were unloading and while finally steady was net sixteen to 25 points lower. The sales were estimated at 1,300,000 bales, trade having been active in spite of the approaching holidays. Port receipts for the day were large, the weather fine, and the estimates for to-morrow heavy. On the other hand exports were big, the interior movement small, and Southern spot markets firm to a little higher, though generally quiet. In the early break the report of a more serious turn in the Far Eastern situation was a factor, but opinion is divided as to the ultimate effect on prices of an actual war between Russia and Japan, it being argued that the probable decrease in demand from China, which country is believed most likely to be the scene of possible warlike operations, would be partially offset by the demand for fitting out troops, etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton quiet at 13.00c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 4,918 bales; stock 73,370 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady; December 12.59, January 12.69, February 12.80, March 12.90, April 12.97, May 13.05, June 13.03, July 13.07, August 12.74.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 56,325 bales; exports to Great Britain 32,329 bales; exports to France 6,000 bales; exports to the Continent 18,887 bales; Mexico — bales; stock 855,538 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 111,194 bales; exports to Great Britain 32,329 bales; exports to France 11,816 bales; exports to the Continent 75,030 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,749,223 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,412,601 bales; exports to France 496,254 bales; exports to the Continent 1,490,372 bales.

Dec 21.—Galveston, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 17,877 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 4,000 bales; Baltimore, steady at 13.25c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 13.30c, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, dull at 12½c, net receipts 2,703 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 13.35c, net receipts 30 bales; Savannah, very firm at 12¾, net receipts 7,689 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 12½c, net receipts 16,715 bales; Mobile, easy at 12½c, net receipts 380 bales; Memphis, quiet at 12½c, net receipts 2,887 bales; Augusta, easy at 12 15-16c, net receipts 1,660 bales; Charleston, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 693 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour was unsettled. Rye flour firm. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 93¼c. Options opened firm on further war talk, influenced by higher cables and lower consols. Closed ½c lower, except December ¼c up; May closed 85⅝c; July closed 82½c; December closed 92⅝c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 53c. The Options closed was inactive all day and after a steady opening eased off under Western selling and good weather news and closed easy at a partial ¼c net decline: May closed 49⅜c; December 51¼c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 43c. Lard firm; Western steam $7 00; refined firm; continent $7 10; compound 6¼@6½c. Pork steady. Butter quiet; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 15@30. Cheese steady; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 13c; late made 10c; small white, September 13c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 4¼@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $3 00@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 12@2 37. Cabbage steady; domestic, per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 26c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 5 1-16@3½c; centrifugal 96 test 3 9-16c; molasses sugar 2 13 16@3¼c; refined steady. Tallow steady. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil was in sellers' favor, but less active at an advance. Closing quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 38@39c; prime winter yellow 39@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Heavy liquidation caused weakness in wheat to-day, May closed at a loss of ¼ to ⅝c. May corn was off ⅜@⅝c and oats ⅛@¼c. Provisions closed 10 to 25 cents higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cash prices: Flour dull and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 82@83; No. 3 spring 72@88; No. 2 red 85@87c. Corn—No. 2 42½c; No. 2 yellow 45c. Oats—No. 2 35¼@35¾c; No. 3 white 35¾@37¾. Rye—No. 2 52½. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 75@11 87½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 47½@6 52½@. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 80⅞@81, 81, 80½, 80½; May 83¼@83½, 83¼, 82¾@82¾, 82⅝c; July 77¾@78, 78@78¼, 77¼@77¾, 77⅝@77½c. Corn—No. 2 December 43@43¼, 43½, 41¼, 41¼c; May 44@44½, 44½, 43⅝, 43⅝c; July 43¾@43⅞, 43⅞, 43¼, 43½c. Oats—No. 2 December 35¼, 35½, 35, 35c; May 37½@37¾, 37½@37⅝, 37, 37@37½c; July 34¾, 34¾, 34½, 34¼c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 70, 11 80, 11 70, 11 80; May $12 00, 12 22½, 12 00, 12 22½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 47½, 6 52½, 6 47½, 6 52½; May $6 67½, 6 75, 6 67½, 6 75. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 20, 6 25, 6 20, 6 25; May $6 37½, 6 45, 6 37½, 6 45.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points on good outside buying, but then turned rather quiet and easy after midday, closing steady and unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales 126,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices unchanged; American middling 7.14d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,800 bales American. Receipts 12,200 bales, all American.

Futures opened excited and closed irregular; American middling (g o c): December 6.91@6.93d; December and January 6.87@6.88d; January and February 6.88@6.84d; February and March 6.81@6.83d; March and April 6.80d; April and May 6.79d; May and June 6.78d; June and July 6.75@6.76d; July and August 6.73d; August and September nominal.

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By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Willis, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 150 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 150 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 80 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 18.

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 33, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 88 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 82 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to new line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of L—, Block 470.

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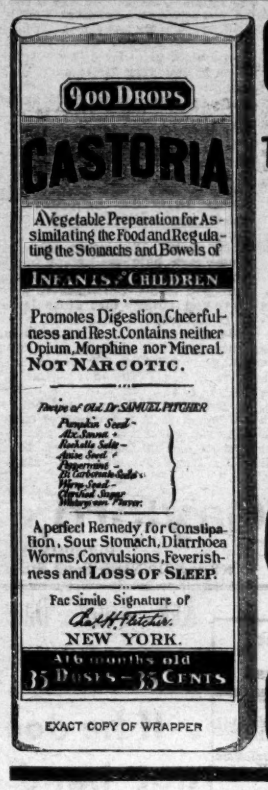
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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	102,508 80
Bank Building	99,500 00	Circulation	90,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	718,166 94	Deposits	1,697,149 68
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Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,303 88. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,149 68.

H. C. McQUEEN, President.

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST.

Our regular interest quarter begins Tuesday, December 1st, and money deposited with us on or before that date will receive credit for three months interest on the first day of March, 1904. We pay at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

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ASSISTING AN ELOPEMENT

[Original.]

It was a pleasant spring afternoon. Lena was to drive with me in my side bar wagon, and as I didn't care to leave my blooded mare tied to a hitching post while waiting for her I sat holding the reins. My proposition for Lena's hand had not found favor with her father, and I was meditating another proposition to Lena exclusively, which was nothing more or less than an elopement.

Suddenly around the corner came a couple that seemed to be in a terrific haste. The man was a gentlemanlike young fellow, and the girl was as pretty as a peach. She hung on to his arm to enable her to keep pace with him, while he hung on to a suit case. He cast a covetous glance at my rig, hesitated, started on, stopped and said:

"See here, my friend! Would you mind helping a pair of runaways to the station?"

"Elopement?"

"That's it."

"Disagreeable old father with no feeling, sense or reason?"

"You bet!"

"Desperate case of love"—

"For heaven's sake, give us a lift, and ask your questions as we go!"

I was stating my own case, and being convinced that his was but a repetition of it I stood up in the wagon, the two hopped in and I sat down wedged in between them. Then I turned my horse's nose in the opposite direction and started down the street. My man passenger looked back.

"There he is now," he said. "Can't you move on?"

An old gentleman had just turned the corner and was running after us as fast as his legs could carry him. Fortunately for him a cab was driving lazily by. He stopped it, had a few hasty words with the driver, pointing to us, and jumped in. The cab was turned about and came after us.

"What 'll you do while you're waiting for a train?' I asked the man beside me.

"There's one leaves at 3:14. It's just 3:07 now [looking at his watch]. We planned our flight accordingly. We've got just seven minutes to catch it."

"We can do it all right."

"Oh, please do!" pleaded the girl, trembling. "If papa catches us, he'll kill Frank and shut me up."

"I'll do my best," I said, giving my mettlesome mare a light touch with the whip that sent her off on a three minute trot. "I'm in the same box myself and may be needing a friend to help me out within a week."

We made about a mile dodging vehicles and exciting the wonder of people we passed, but without any very serious mishap. My eloping friends were constantly looking back and reporting the situation.

"Oh, heavens, he's gaining!" the girl would cry.

"No, no, sweetheart; he's losing," replied her lover encouragingly.

"Can't you go any faster?" the girl asked of me.

"I'm driving [illegible] at double the pace allowed by law," I replied.

I had no sooner spoken than I saw a policeman making a dive for the middle of the street to head me off. I turned aside quickly and passed him. He ran after me, brandishing his club and putting his hand ominously to his hip, but my sympathies were absorbed in the lovers, and I only hastened the pace.

"What luck!" suddenly exclaimed the lover, whose eyes were continually turned to the rear.

"Well?" I asked.

"The cop is stopping the cab. There, it's come to a stand. There's a war of words. The cop is getting into the cab."

This delay made considerable gap between pursued and pursuer. Nor was it likely to be diminished. The policeman was a ponderous man, and the cab horse was getting winded.

"What's the time?" I asked.

"Seven thirteen," replied the lover, with a snap of his watch case.

The station was in sight, a trifle over a quarter of a mile away. I made my mare do her best, though we were driving over cobblestones, and in less than the minute dashed up to the station door. My friends jumped out and, not stopping to thank me, dashed inside. In about ten seconds the train pulled out, and on the platform of the rear car was the couple waving to me. Just as they were lost to sight the cab drove up, and the policeman and the old gentleman got out. The policeman's face was very red.

"Ol'll teach ye to defy the law!" he shouted.

"There's no law against helping eloping lovers," I replied coolly.

"Eloping lovers!" cried the old gentleman. "Did they play that game on you? The fellow is my valet, and the girl is my wife's maid. They've got the family jewels in the suit case."

"For heaven's sake!" I gasped.

"Ye come wid me," said the policeman. "Ol'll take ye where ye'll have a chance to reply to a charge o' aidin' them that's committin' grand larceny." And, jumping into my wagon, he drove me to the police station, while the old gentleman followed in the cab.

Well, I had some difficulty in keeping out of jail, and only did so by furnishing bail. The event injured me very much and furnished such a weapon in the hands of my enemy, Lena's father, that the poor girl came very near going back on me entirely. I only won her after a two years' struggle. When we were married, it was in church in the regular way.

The thieves had disguises with them, and though telegrams were sent to stop them escaped.

RALPH STANTON.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Some Queer Sayings by Diminutive Mites of Humanity.

Teacher—What is a synonym, Freddie?

Freddie—A synonym is a word to be used in place of another word you can't spell.

Teacher—Is there any connection between mind and matter?

Small Boy—Sure. If a boy doesn't mind, there 'll soon be something the matter.

Sunday School Teacher—Harry, do you know who wrote the story of the loaves and fishes we have just finished reading?

Harry—No, ma'am, but it sounds a good deal like one of pa's fish stories.

Papa (an ex-widower)—Come here, Bessie, and see the new mamma I promised you.

Bessie (aged four)—Why, papa, she doesn't look very new!

Mamma—You have drawn the horse very nicely, Charlie, but you have forgotten one thing. Where is his tail?

Charlie—Oh, that horse doesn't need any tail. There ain't no flies on him.—Chicago News.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

The vogue of net silk muslin and all over lace for evening gowns continues.

Princess gowns are extremely fashionable for street wear as well as for dressy occasions.

For walking suits the least suggestion of a train is out of taste, but house and evening gowns are as long as one chooses.

Sashes will evidently be favorite accompaniments of the season's evening gowns, so many and so beautiful are the recently imported ribbons in six inch and wider widths.

Nearly all the new coats—and their name is legion just now—show the raglan effect over the shoulders or else are made with capes. The three-quarter coat promises to be the popular garment.

Hats are light in weight and not essentially different, as far as the materials used are concerned, from those worn all summer. Straws will be worn until Christmas, it is said, and one may wear them through the winter without being considered eccentric.—New York Post.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

The outflow of miners from the Rocky mountain region to British America and Alaska is larger this year than usual.

The United States government is doing more than any other power to induce the opening of oriental ports to western trade.

The textile manufacturers believe that the general range of prices for dry goods next year will be slightly higher than this.

American telegraph instruments click in Siberia and in Italy, while our telephones are "hallooed" through by the Chinese, East Indiamen and Egyptians.

The United States sold 4,000,000 pairs of shoes to foreign countries last year, for which she received $6,000,000. In 1892 only 1,507 pairs of American made shoes were sold in Great Britain. Last year more than 1,250,000 pairs were sold there.

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Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall., Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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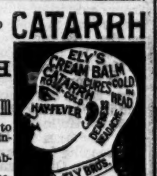

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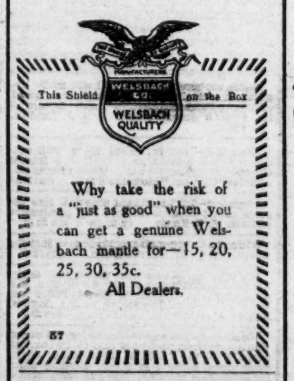

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We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
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Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

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Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $3.75; all reduced to $1.50.

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A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

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** 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.		
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.		11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.		4.45 P. M.
** 6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.		
10.00 P. M.	10.40 P. M.		Saturday only

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Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrive Lamberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m, arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lamberton 3:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4:05 a m, Hamlet 8:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:00 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:59 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:30 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:50 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 25 a m	1 20 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 52 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	3 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	5 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman Sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 33 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 56 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 53 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 26 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 30 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 13 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 48 p m	11 45 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily—		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 20 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 30	Kinston	10 13	.....
8 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 8.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 25 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE CASE

Proceedings Against the L. & N. and Other Roads in U. S. Court at Macon. Agreement Reached.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 21.—In the case of the Inter-State Commerce Commission against the Louisville and Nashville, Florida Central and Peninsular, and the Savannah, Florida and Western railroads, involving a rule for contempt against officials of the Louisville and Nashville, the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line, President Smith, Superintendent Denham and Superintendent Hale, respectively, were present before Judge Spear in the United States court to-day. The railroads claimed that they were advised by counsel and believed that the decree did not require them to continue to operate through rates from Pensacola and Atlantic stations to Savannah and that they could fully comply with the court's decree by withdrawing their through rates and arrangements, even though from some of the stations the total rates charged by combining the locals of the separate roads might exceed the through rates, which had been found by the court to be unlawful. Therefore, the railroads withdrew their through rates and they pointed out that in much of the traffic involved the sum of the local rates was less than the through rates. They further stated, however, that very recently it had been ascertained that through inadvertence the local agents of the railroads had not been properly instructed and hence had continued in many instances to charge rates equal to the through rates which had been condemned. It was further stated on behalf of the railroads that negotiations looking to establishing through rates in accordance with the decree had been in progress for some time before the contempt proceedings were instituted, and that such negotiations were still pending.

The judge then suggested that a recess would be taken to see if the railroad officials present could complete those negotiations, and after the recess it was announced that agreement had been reached and that through rates in accordance with the decree would be made effective by January 1st.

REACTION IN COTTON.

Futures Closed Sixteen to Twenty Points Lower—Sales 1,200,000 Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There was heavy liquidation at the opening of the cotton market to-day. While the bulls bought aggressively, particularly the near positions, the market, responding to over-night selling orders, on the rumors of impending trouble in the Far East, broke sharply. The opening was steady but irregular with first prices four points lower to five points higher. Cables were rather below expectations but Southern news was of a bullish average. Immediately following the call the market showed some firmness. Later, however, it broke sharply, the active months showing losses of nineteen to twenty-one points inside of the first forty-five minutes.

Throughout the day prices were rallied several points as a result of bull support and bullish news concerning the attitude of holders, then they were allowed to sag off as liquidation became more active. Generally speaking, the tone was steady to firm until well along in the afternoon, but was easier in the late trading and the market closed steady net sixteen to twenty-five points lower. The sales were estimated at 1,200,000 bales.

THE ABYSSINIAN MISSION.

Consul General Skinner Cordially Received by Emperor Menelik.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ADIS, ABEBA, ABYSSINIA, Friday, Dec. 18, by courier to Jibutil, French Somaliland, Dec. 21.—Escorted by several thousand Ethiopian soldiers, the American mission to Emperor Menelik, headed by Consul General Skinner, entered the Abyssinian capital today. The reception of the Americans was most brilliant and picturesque. Emperor Menelik personally received Mr. Skinner. The emperor, surrounded by the principal functionaries of the capital, delivered a cordial discourse of welcome, to which Mr. Skinner responded, presenting an invitation to the emperor to visit the Exposition at St. Louis. The emperor granted Mr. Skinner a private audience and accepted the latter's invitation to send an Abyssinian exhibit to St. Louis.

REDUCTION IN WAGES.

To be Made at All Non-Union Iron and Steel Plants in the Country.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—Semi-official information was given out to-day that a general reduction in wages is to be made at all non-union iron and steel plants in the country, that will average about 10 per cent. It is not proposed to make any official announcement of the cut until after Christmas. Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation are said to have met with independent interests and an agreement has been reached for a uniform readjustment of wages of all employes. The rate of the highest paid tonnage men may be greater than a ten per cent. reduction and it may be less for the day hands. The wages of most of the employes at the blast furnaces have already been cut.

The chief of police of Mobile, Ala., is in receipt of a communication from the chief of police of Cincinnati, identifying J. E. Russell, one of the two safe-blowers arrested in Mobile several days ago as Ed. M. Callahan who resided in Cincinnati.

A Frightened Horse,

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FIERCE FIRE IN NEW YORK CITY.

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DEPARTMENT CHIEF KILLED.

Total Loss Estimated at a Quarter of a Million Dollars—A Panic Among Inmates of Houses Adjoining the Burning Buildings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The famous "two nines" fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm provided for by New York's fire department, was sounded to-night for a terrific fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of the Herrmann furniture, plumbing and cabinet works in Mott street and the four-story varnish factory of the firm, run under the name of the H. Herrmann Lumber Company. A quarter of a million dollars damage was done.

Battalion Chief Marin Coleman is believed to have perished in the fall of the two great walls of the factory. There was a panic among the Italian inmates of the street and the tenements opposite and in the rear of the burning buildings and the firemen and police reserves from three precincts had the utmost difficulty in getting the people out to the street.

The fire started on the third floor and when the firemen arrived the first, second and third floors were in a blaze. The third and fourth and fifth alarms were sent in in rapid succession, and about an hour after the fire started the "two nines" alarm was sounded.

Battalion Chief Coleman had entered the building with a number of men, including Lieutenant Jones and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain. They were about twenty-five feet inside when fire came through the walls and the building shook. The firemen saw the danger and dashed for the outside. The chaplain escaped, but a beam fell and hit Coleman and Jones, pinning them to the floor. Father Smith and three firemen turned back to the rescue and dragged out Jones, who had managed to stagger to his feet. Jones, in pulling himself out, felt for Coleman. He found him so pinned he could not rescue him, but got his helmet, which he put on and escaped. Within a minute the entire rear and side walls fell.

After the building had been totally destroyed the body of Chief Coleman was found wedged under fallen debris in such a position that the firemen were unable to reach it. Coleman was made a battalion chief last August. He won the Bennett medal for bravery eight years ago for rescuing two women from a boarding house fire in East Tenth street.

Richard Joyce, a fireman who was appointed only ten days ago, was reported missing after the fire was out. He was last seen in the building just before the walls fell.

DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

European Powers Inform Colombia She Can Expect No Sympathy from Them in Any Move on Panama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear upon Colombia by several European powers to prevent war between that country and the United States. The first step in this direction already has been taken by several foreign powers, through their representatives here, who have informed General Reyes of the futility of any attempt by Colombia to retake Panama, declaring that it will result only in precipitating the Bogota government into war with the United States. If this is not sufficient the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Colombia can expect no sympathy from the European powers in any move she may make on Panama which would inevitably involve her in war with the United States.

The members of the diplomatic corps have been informed by General Reyes himself that he fears he can with difficulty check his people much longer. General Reyes has told them that he is doing everything in his power to prevent an outbreak before the conclusion of his mission, but that what he most fears is the result of the announcement at Bogota of the failure of his mission. He, himself, realizes that the most he can hope from the government of the United States is an offer that it will use moral suasion to prevail on Panama to assume her portion of the Colombian debt. Further, General Reyes has been told he can expect nothing. Realization of the true situation, it is said, will prevent General Reyes from calling on the United States for a reference to The Hague of several of the questions at issue. It is on this point that European diplomats have told General Reyes that it is expecting too much to expect this government to submit any phase of the Panama matter to The Hague. Several ambassadors have earnestly advised the general to impress on his people the fact that Europe wants the isthmian canal and that Colombia can expect no sympathy from that quarter.

It is hoped that the receipt of this news in Bogota will do much to calm the feeling there and hold the Colombians in check until General Reyes can return.

KISHINEFF MASSACRES.

Persons on Trial Convicted and Sentenced to Imprisonment.

By Cable to the Morning Star

KISHINEFF, BESSARABIA, Dec. 22.—Two Russians named Gnetschin and Marosjuk, who have been on trial charged with murder as the authors of the massacre of Jews here last spring, were sentenced to-day to seven and five years penal servitude respectively. Twenty-two other persons charged with being involved in the massacre were sentenced to periods ranging from one to two years each. One person was sentenced to six years imprisonment and twelve were acquitted, while forty-eight civil actions brought against the accused were dismissed. The costs of the prosecutions must be paid by the convicted persons.

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EIGHT PERSONS KILLED; THIRTY-TWO INJURED.

Fast Train on the St Louis and San Francisco Road Wrecked Near Godfrey, Kas.—Running at Full Speed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 21.—In a wreck to-day at Godfrey, Kas., of thr "Meteor," a St. Louis and San Francisco fast train from the South, eight persons were killed and thirty two were injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt.

The dead: James Kirkpatrick, Geo. Hoyt, conductor; B. A. Dewees, engineer; Theodore Bishard, fireman; Jas. H Wyman, Asa Moreland, Lon Carbin, Joseph Carbin. Probably fatally injured: John Brubaker, news agent; Sheridan Kanable, E. B. Garroway, John Bell, messenger; H. B. Darlington, mail clerk. All the dead lived in Kansas and Oklahoma and the injured are residents of the West.

J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman, whose failure to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has not been found.

The wrecked train was one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage cars and one mail car, a smoker, two chair-cars and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceeded the Meteor, left the switch open and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment. The sleeper turned over and so fast was the train running that the engine and forward baggage car landed nearly sixty feet off the roadbed before it stopped. The sleeper remained upright and none of the passengers in this car was injured.

The baggage cars were completely wrecked and the smoker was badly damaged. Five of those killed were in the forward end of the smoker and four of them were killed instantly.

Engineer B. A. Dewees, of Fort Scott, Conductor Hoyt, of Topeka, and Fireman Bishard, of Fort Scott, were all instantly killed and Express Messenger John Bell, of Kansas City, was seriously injured. Others of the crew and almost every passenger on the train, except those in the sleeper who escaped with a severe shake up, were injured, some of them seriously. Sixteen persons, including Henry McDonnell, of Lodi, Ohio, were seriously hurt, and fifteen others were slightly injured.

Most of the injured were badly burned as well as being maimed. The responsibility for the wreck is laid at the door of a brakeman of the freight crew who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared. The engine on the freight had become "dead" and the crew was ordered to remain on the main track, and to turn the switch for the passenger train, then about due. The brakeman was ordered to flag the Meteor. This he neglected to do. In the crash the baggage car telescoped the engine and landed in a corn field, while the smoker and two chair cars were piled in a mass on top of the engine.

Most of the injured were in the chair cars which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

THE FAR EASTERN TROUBLE.

Japan's Reply to Russia—It is in No Sense an Ultimatum—Asks Reconsideration of Certain Points.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Japan's reply to Russia was handed to Baron de Rosen this afternoon, at a conference between the Russian minister and Foreign Minister Komura at the Russian legation.

Japan's reply is in no way in the nature of an ultimatum, but she asks Russia to reconsider certain essential points in her reply to Japan.

Baron de Rosen is now sufficiently recovered to resume the negotiations.

Sixty military engineers have been dispatched to Corea to replace the civil telegraph operators attached to the Japanese telegraph lines on the peninsular. It is officially asserted that the step taken has no military significance.

Trouble in Corea.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Seoul, Corea, says:

"Numerous conflicts have occurred at Chemulpo and Mesampho between Japanese and Corean inhabitants.

"The Japanese telegraph operators have charge of the line from Seoul to the coast.

"The possibility of Japanese troops landing to preserve order is discussed, but it would only be done with the consent of the Russian government."

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

France and Great Britain Not Likely to Become Involved in the Controversy.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—An authoritative denial is given of the reports from Pekin that the French minister there has notified China that if she allied herself with Japan pending a settlement of the Japanese-Russian controversy, France would advance in Southern China.

It is said in this connection that France has not taken any steps whatever in the matter, and is not contemplating action in the event of a rupture between Japan and Russia. On the contrary, the official view is that France and Great Britain are not likely to become involved and that Russia and Japan will be left to settle their controversy.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Denied that the Company is About to Make a Bond Issue.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Reports that the Southern Railway was about to make a bond issue were authoritatively denied to-day, though it is a fact that a readjustment of the company's finances has been considered from time to time. The ownership and leases of many small lines by the Southern have to an extent complicated the general finances of the system and it is believed at a more favorable time the directors will recommend the issuance of a general refunding bond which will cover practically all existing issues.

WAITING FOR EAST WIND.

Torpedo Boat Moccasin Still Aground Near Carrituck, N. C

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Navy Department to-day received the following telegram in regard to the submarine torpedo boat Moccasin from Admiral Harrington, commandant of the navy yard, Portsmouth, Va.: "Wrecking company has two vessels at wreck. Anchors planted and hawsers run awaiting for east wind. Hercules there and gunner and two men caring for battery. Moccasin all right. Must wait for east wind."

THE SITUATION ON THE ISTHMUS.

A Small Detachment of Colombian Troops Landed Near Panama.

ADMIRAL COGHLAN'S ADVICES

Quartermaster's Department at Washington Besieged by Shipping Agents and Railroad Men Offering Transportation for Soldiers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Under the impression that war is surely to occur between the United States and Colombia, the quartermaster general of the army has been besieged by railroad and shipping men desirous of the transportation of troops. This impression among shipping men exists to a considerable extent abroad and a number of offers have come to the department from foreign ship owners tendering their vessels as transports.

It was pointed out to-day that while the landing of marines on foreign soil occasions but little comment, and is only an evidence of a disturbed condition of affairs, the embarkation of troops puts a different aspect on the situation. For this reason, the navy will be permitted to continue to control affairs in Isthmian waters, for the present at least, or until matters reach a stage accessitating the co-operation of the army.

Troops Landed.

COLON, Dec. 21.—Information has been received that about 100 Colombian troops have been landed at the Island of Pines, northwest of Cape Tiburon, which is situated at the western entrance of the Gulf of Darien. The Island of Pines is in Panama territory and is the only island along that coast which is wooded, peaked with mountains and also well watered, thus offering every facility for camping and being used for a base of observation.

It is significant in this connection that the United States auxiliary cruiser Mayflower left this harbor yesterday bound in the direction of the Island of Pines to obtain confirmation of the report.

The United States gunboat Bancroft is still on that coast, in the vicinity of Nombre de Dios. The United States cruiser Nashville has returned to Colon from Bocas del Toro. Rear Admiral Coghlan has transferred his flag to the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie.

Thirty-five of the United States steamship Prairie's men were landed to-day and took a train for Bas Obispo station, near Emperador. They will occupy the company's house at Bas Obispo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Official confirmation has reached Washington of the landing of Colombian troops on the island of Los Pinos, which lies close to the coast of Panama. These troops number eighty, and they have taken up a position on this high island with the intention of making paths through the jungles.

Conference of Naval Officers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation and executive head of the general naval board, to-day was in conference with Captain John E. Pillsbury, assistant chief of the bureau; Captain William Swift, chairman of the general board's committee on the fleet; Commander Winslow and Lieutenant Belknap, of the bureau of navigation, in the secret office of the chief of the bureau of navigation. Several cablegrams which arrived from Rear Admirals Glass and Coghlan over Sunday were taken up for consideration and instructions in reply were prepared and submitted to Secretary Moody for approval. Nothing official regarding the conference was announced except that it concerned the isthmian situation.

A BLOODY BATTLE.

Two Men Killed by Town Officers at Hoffman, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—A special to the *News and Observer* from Hoffman, N. C., says one of the bloodiest battles in the history of that town took place at 8:30 this evening between Town Marshal Thompson and Mr. Culp, night operator for the Seaboard, on the one side, and Galloway and John Blue on the other.

The two men came from Cumberland county to-day and proceeded to fire up on mean whiskey and began looking for trouble. Mr. Thompson summoned Mr. Culp to assist him and they were fired upon with a shot gun and Winchester rifles, the officers returning the fire with pistols, killing both. Culp had his hat shot off his head, but escaped injury. Mr. Thompson was unharmed.

THE CUBAN TREATY.

It Becomes Operative One Minute After Midnight, December 27th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular letter of instructions to officers of the customs service and others interested in bringing into operation the treaty of reciprocity with Cuba, approved December 11th, 1902, and made effective by act of Congress and the President's proclamation of December 17th, 1903. The circular declares that the treaty becomes operative one minute after midnight, December 27th instant.

WARM WIRELETS.

Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey were matched yesterday to meet in a limited bout some time before March 1st, before the club offering the best inducements.

The last of the bodies that were reported missing were recovered yesterday from the ruins of the dormitory at Walden University. This make the total loss of life by Friday's fire thirteen.

The Navy Department is informed of the arrival at Alexandretta of the cruiser San Francisco, carrying as a passenger Consul Davis, who recently left Alexandretta for Beirut because of trouble with the police of the first named city.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $18 00.

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

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First sign of RHEUMATISM. Dangerous to let it run. Easy to cure now. A single bottle of

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Will probably do the work. Bad cases require more. RHEUMACIDE cures by getting rid of the cause, so that no trace of the disease lingers in the system. It purifies the blood, relieves the inflammation of the kidneys, the chronic constipation and the catarrh that follows such a condition of the system.

Though Mrs. Mary E. Welborn, of High Point, N. C., is 80 years old and had suffered from rheumatism for 20 years, she was completely cured by RHEUMACIDE, and declares she feels "years younger" and is anxious for "all who are suffering from any of the forms of this dread disease" to try RHEUMACIDE and be cured.

REV. J. R. WHEELER, a noted Methodist minister, of Reisterstown, Md., writes enthusiastically of RHEUMACIDE, which cured him. He is 75 years old and has been in the ministry 50 years.

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BOBBITT CHEMICAL CO., PROPRIETORS, BALTIMORE, MD.

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According to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

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what man ever had enough, hosts of them, 35 and 50 cents up.

Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c Up.

Gloves, 50c up. Mufflers, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Rain Coats, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Umbrellas, Etc.

THE A. DAVID CO.

dec 20 tf

Christmas is Near at Hand

And we are waiting and ready to supply your wants in all kinds of

Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

as well as Leggins and Over-gaiters. See us for any foot wants, be they large or small.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

NEGRO'S RAVING SAVES ANOTHER

Death Sentence of Green County Burglar Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—Governor Aycock commutes the death sentence of Henry Holloway, colored, from death to life imprisonment. Holloway was to hang in Green county on Dec. 23d for burglary in the first degree, in that he entered the home of Mrs. Hullom, near Snow Hill, and made improper proposals to her. Another negro has since become insane, and in his ravings he cries out that he and not Holloway is guilty. Holloway has been in Goldsboro jail for safe keeping for some time.

The Elm City Lumber Co. gives notice to the Secretary of State of an increase of its capital stock from $50,000 to $100,000.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Notice is hereby given that I will make application to the Board of Aldermen and Board of County Commissioners to retail liquors at No. 5 north second street. J. B. J. Sandlin. dec 22 3t

Wanted—Well furnished room with connecting bath, located near Fifth and Market streets. Single gentleman. Good references. Address "Comfort," MORNING STAR. de 22 1t

Wanted—618-8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write B. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 12t

Florida Oranges, 20 and 25c dozen; $1.50 for one hundred. E. Warren & Son. dec 22 1t

Blooming Plants for Christmas Gifts Roman Hyacinths and Narcissus in pots and pans, also beautiful line of Palms, Ferns and Foliage plants and everything in cut flowers. Render Bros. dec 20 3t

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Nothing nicer for Christmas presents. See our lines before buying. dec 20 tf

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to R. C. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 20 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 8 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 307 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. je 21 tf

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15,000 Oranges.
9,500 C. C. Nuts.
4,700 lbs Raisins.
2,100 lbs Mixed Nuts.
110 bbls Baldwin Apples.
1,850 lbs Calif'nia Peaches
2,100 lbs N. C. Apples.
103 Boxes Broken Candy.
219 " Plain Candy.
187 Pails Mixed Candy.

W. B. COOPER,

de 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

UNLUCKY CORNER.

We are prepared for the Xmas trade with a large and well selected stock, and our prices are as low as any. Give us your orders.

S. W. SANDERS.

Both Phones 109. de 20 tf

What is the nicest present to make a gentleman Xmas? Go to

HAMME, THE HATTER,

he will tell you.

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.

dec 20 tf 24 Front Street.

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Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
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The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

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See our stock of Furniture including Heywood Chairs. We defy competition.

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We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our a sortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $3.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents, ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c.; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

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We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

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dec 16 tf

For Xmas Presents.

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, Jardineers, Statuary, Fancy Vases, Cut Glass

In endless variety. Place your orders now to avoid the rush.

BISSINGER'S CHINA PARLOR,

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The Season's Greetings

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THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,

dec 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

A Merry xmas

And have you thought of a bank book of this institution as a Christmas present? Any sum may be deposited—from 25c upwards, in any name that you may designate. Surely no gift will be more appreciated.

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Sole Agent for Fechheimer Fishel & Co.'s Line Tailor-made Suits From $12.50 to $20 Per Suit.

Pants to fit anybody, any size and length.

You can save money by seeing our line before purchasing.

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